

**City of Aberdeen**  
**Business Meeting, Work Session**  
**September 9, 2013**

**Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilman Garner,  
Councilwoman Landbeck, and Councilwoman Young

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Monica Correll, City Clerk  
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.
2. Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business - None
3. Work Session
  - a. Election Law Changes  
Mr. Miller reviewed possible election chapter amendments which had been under consideration by the Council, staff, and Election Board. The recommendations included authority lines, election campaign activity verification, phone number and/or e-mail addresses required for periodic candidate notification, the complaint process, financial disclosures, non-partisan elections, funds, the Election Board terms of office, and approval of campaign disclosures. Council discussion followed.
  - b. Annexation Agreement Process
  - c. Presbyterian Homes/Bosworth Annexation Agreement  
Mr. Miller explained a change in the annexation process recommended by the City Attorney. The annexation agreement should be finalized or close to being finalized before the annexation resolution. The Council was asked to contemplate what they wanted in the Presbyterian Home agreement.
  - d. Ripken Memorandum of Understanding  
Mr. Miller said that the City was in the process of a new concession agreement with Tufton Management. It was anticipated that the City would receive more income than that received with the former agreement.
  - e. Cullum Property Purchase  
The Cullum property, located at North East Road, had been offered to the City for sale.

f. Rt. 22 Entrance Signs

The State Highway Administration had budgeted \$45,000 for the replacement of the Aberdeen entrance sign on Rt. 22. The current one would be demolished during the widening of the roads.

g. Upcoming Calendar

Mr. Miller stated that a piece of steel had been procured from the destroyed Twin Towers by Aberdeen Heritage Trust to be used in a memorial. Mayor Bennett added that there would be a Freedom Walk by St. Joan Elementary School followed by Memorial Service and ground breaking for the memorial on September 11th in Festival Park.

4. Other

The Aberdeen Room Museum sign was replaced by Mr. Robert Elliott, husband of Councilwoman Elliott, and the building was painted by the Department of Public Works.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilwoman Young to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously.